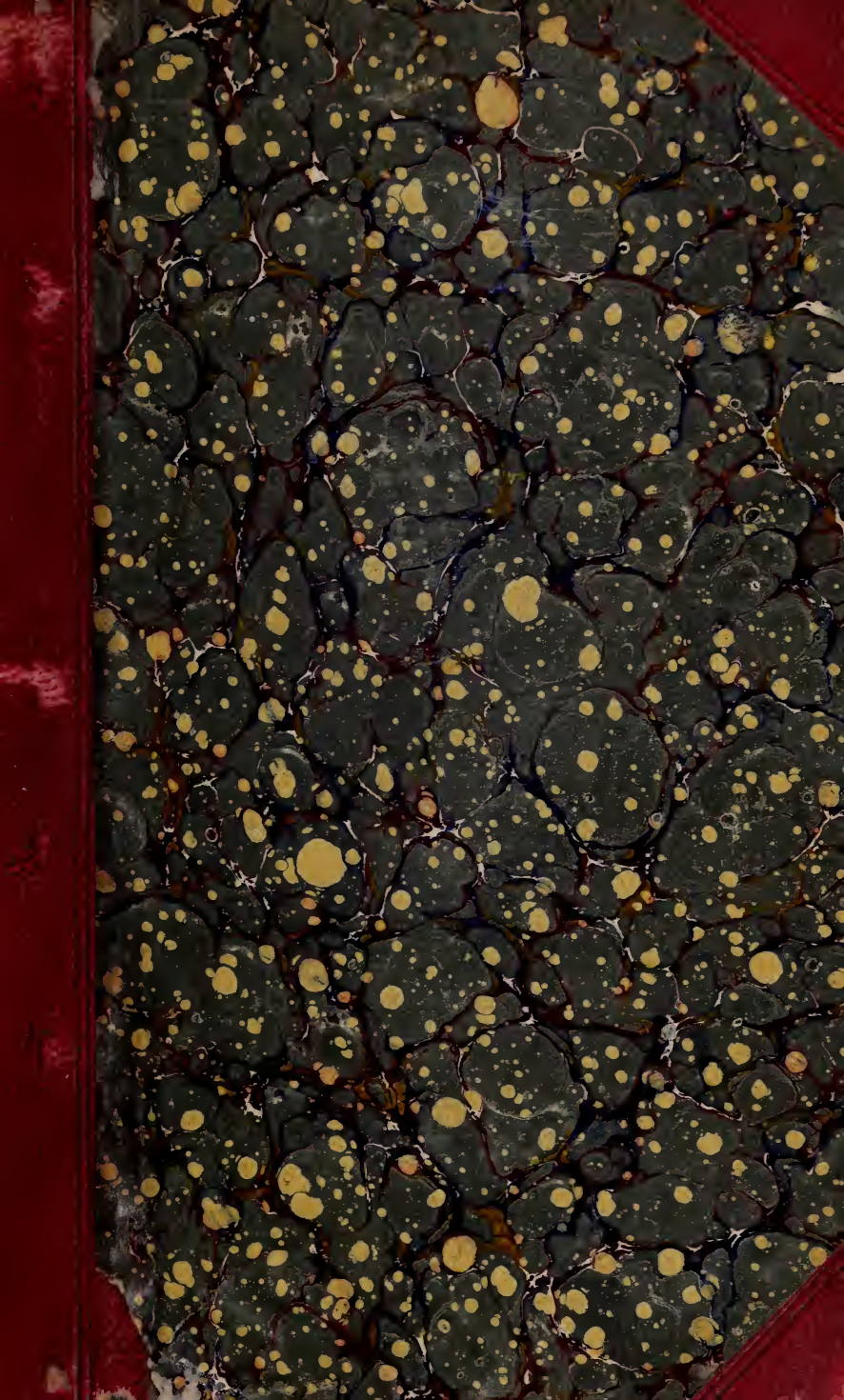

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Siam.

Siam, though one of the lesser kingdoms of Asia and quite overshadowed in extent and population by the great empire of China on the northeast and of British India on the west, has much that is curious and interesting to the traveller, and much to claim the prayerful regards of the Christian. Its peculiar customs, its devotion to Buddhism, the rare fertility of its soil, the progressive spirit of its rulers during the last and present reign, and the brightening prospects of late of the missionary work within its borders, may well attract attention.

Century after century had rolled away, and even more than half this wonderful nineteenth century, and there was hardly a perceptible change in the people or their institutions, their modes of living, building or thinking, from what had been noted by the very first Europeans who visited the country. The crushing hand of a strong despotism and the paralyzing influence of the atheistic Buddhist religion had kept them from participating in the glorious progress of the age. The time and the wealth of the nation were wasted on temples, images and priests of Buddha.

The American missionaries during twenty years of earnest effort had effected little besides securing to some extent the confidence of the common people, and scattering far and wide, through the printed page and preaching, the good seed of divine truth. Not a reliable

Siamese had yet been baptized, nor was there much that promised future success. They had not gained a foothold in the country; they were there merely on sufferance, tenants at will. More than once had their teachers and servants been arrested, fined and imprisoned for being in their employ, causing panics that would prevent for months together the distribution of Christian books and tracts.

This was the condition of Siam in 1851, when the late king came to the throne. He had been twenty-seven years in the priesthood, but now doffed his priestly robes, left the monastery for the palace, and began a reign that lasted seventeen years. For an Asiatic prince he was a remarkable man, endowed with a fine mind and possessing habits of persevering study. While a priest he sought the company of the American missionaries, and, indeed, for eighteen months was a pupil of Rev. J. Caswell, of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. He thus acquired many enlarged views and was far in advance of the nation. He opened his country to commerce and improvement, welcoming the ambassadors of foreign powers who came to make friendly treaties. Knowing that the king was a friend to the missionaries, the common people were everywhere respectful to them, and would listen to their teachings. Building sites were granted them, and an open door placed before them. The lingering fear of royal displeasure was so great, however, that it was yet seven years before one was found bold enough to "stand up for Jesus."

This king died in 1868 and was succeeded by his son, who is now on the throne. He was then but fifteen years of age, and a regent was appointed over the kingdom. During his minority he ventured to leave his realms, which no other sovereign of Siam had ever done, and travelling in British India and Java he noted improvements to be adopted in his own dominions, and returned with greatly enlightened views. He devised many plans for the benefit of his people, which he has since carried out, till a general air of progress is perceptible throughout his kingdom.

On attaining his majority in 1873 he himself assumed the reins of government, and signalized the occasion by doing away with the universal and servile custom of inferiors getting down on knees and elbows before their superiors. Having placed them on their feet like men, he soon required his courtiers to be more fully clothed, adopting almost the entire European dress. The capital city has been much improved, and has now some well-built streets and a beautiful public park. Many of the princes and nobles have fine houses, handsomely furnished. A royal museum has been established, where are to be seen many rare and valuable articles, among them the crown jewels, and the common people on certain

days are admitted. There is a government hospital, and a spacious and elegant building for the royal mint. The palace and street adjoining are lighted with gas, and lines of telegraph are being laid. Carriages have been introduced, and ladies of rank often drive out with their husbands, a sight never seen in any former reign. There are scores of steam yachts on the rivers. They have a very respectable navy, and a small army of paid troops, well drilled and equipped. Canals have been opened to promote internal commerce, and thus large districts of waste land have been brought under cultivation. Laws have been made by which slavery will soon be abolished. Vaccination has been ordered in infected regions, and temporary cholera hospitals were opened by his order and at his expense during the prevalence of that disease last July.

His majesty has a weekly gazette published at the palace. He has shown his approval of female education by a donation of one thousand dollars to one of our mission schools for girls. He has, with his own private funds, endowed a royal college for the sons of princes and nobles and placed Rev. S. G. McFarland, D.D., one of our most efficient missionaries, in charge of it.

Intelligent and progressive as this young ruler is, he seems to feel bound, as the head of the nation, to maintain all the observances of the state religion. He has however granted an edict of religious toleration to the Laos, and by implication to his Siamese subjects also. The missionaries now find great encouragement in their work, and have organized seven churches. Female boarding and day schools have been established, as well as schools for boys.

The seed for so many years prayerfully sown is taking root, and the fruit that our early missionaries waited so long to see is beginning to appear. Converts have been gathered in of late years in a rapidly increasing ratio, till, at the close of 1880, they numbered more than three hundred. There are nine schools and about three hundred children under the instruction of missionaries. The whole Bible has been translated into Siamese and some of it into Laos. The number of priests is greatly diminished, and those that enter the priesthood remain a much shorter time than they formerly did. The people are losing their faith in Buddhism, but this does not prove that they are ready or willing to accept Christianity. Infidelity may take its place, if the Christian Church does not speedily send out more laborers into this promising field, that it may be won for Christ. There are more than five million inhabitants and only three ordained missionaries, three married and seven single ladies, and one physician to care for the spiritual and physical condition of this needy, perishing multitude. Does our Presbyterian Church, to whom in the providence of God the evangelization of Siam is committed, realize her great responsibility? H.

The Laos.

Under date of Dec. 12, at Bangkok, Miss Edna Cole wrote as follows:

It is with mingled feelings of sadness and thankfulness that I take up my pen to write you a report of our third year; such full, full years of change and experience, joy and sorrow, trials and blessings, work and rest. But let me first come with an offering of praise to Him whose arms of love have been around us, guiding and protecting us. We have not understood His dealings with us, and even yet the cloud of darkness and sorrow rests upon us; but faith and trust see through it and say it is love to us, to the Laos women, to the whole Church, and we can and do praise our Lord for all this year has brought us.

I wish I could send you a report of more work accomplished. I have been able to do very little of all we planned to do, and the Lord has done for us much more than we planned; a year of blessed schooling for both the teachers. Mary has entered the highest room and is learning all wisdom at the feet of Him who taught as never man taught, while I have learned the lessons of sorrow, waiting, trial and loneliness, and just now I am having vacation and sweet rest. We had a pleasant session of four months, until the rice harvest, and the pupils had studied well, making as good progress as we had any right to expect. The children loved their school and left it with evident sorrow, each one expressing wishes and prayers that they might go home and live and work for Jesus. Then Miss Campbell left us for rest and change in Bangkok, and our Father led her into eternal rest. The Laos women and children still speak of her with tender love, and many shed tears for her even now. Before I heard that I was alone, I had called the school together. The vacation had been longer than we expected, because Mr. Wilson was having the carpenter work on his house finished, and the noise and confusion were so great that I felt that the disorder of the school would be worse than not having any school. With the first of March the new term began with forty pupils; two of the old girls had not returned, but there were two others to take their place. Many parents wished me to take their children, but there were no accommodations for any more.

I can never tell you what the next four months of teaching were. I had deep trials with my assistant teacher. During the year Chuntah's health failed so much she was obliged to give up her work as teacher, but she tried to keep up her lessons with her class. We fear we cannot find another assistant who will be so gentle and loving with the girls. You have heard much of our dear Kom Tip, and she deserves a warm place in all your hearts. I want you to love her and pray for her. She is an earnest, faithful Christian,

and with entire dependence on the Lord she can do a grand work for her sisters here, so I wish you would pray for her, especially for her growth in grace.

We reached here October 26, and a few weeks after received an invitation with the teachers to make a party with Dr. McFarland's and Mr. Bradley's families, and go to the coast for ten days. Health came to us all, and we reached home last night ready for work. God has been so loving to us in giving us this joy-season, we cannot thank Him enough. I hope to write you about each of my girls as soon as I am able, but I cannot do it now. Pray for us all more and more.

LETTER FROM A LAOS WOMAN.

THE following letter is from the third daughter of Noi Sunya, one of the two Laos martyrs. She was quite a young girl when she first came into our family, after her father's death. After being with us some time she married the son of an earnest Christian man, who for several years served his Master and the mission in the capacity of hospital assistant. On our return to Chieng Mai in 1875, after a visit to the United States, she returned to us and served us long and faithfully as nurse for our little boy, then an infant a few months old. As her little charge grew to need less constant care, she turned her attention to sewing and other housework. She made, meantime, commendable progress in learning to read the Scriptures in the Siamese character. She had not been with us very long before she and her husband were both brought to a knowledge of Christ, and to an acceptance of Him as their Saviour and King.

When, some time after, I took charge of a small class of boarding scholars, she was of great assistance to me. On the arrival of Misses Cole and Campbell, she, with the class, was passed over to them. Under their supervision she assisted in the school, carrying on her own studies at the same time. Failing health compelled her at last to give up the work. I judge from her letter that she is still connected with the school as pupil. I hope that this little sketch will serve to make her letter more interesting.

S. B. McGILVARY.

TRANSLATION.

I Chanta send loving greetings to my teachers McGilvary and their children. I think of you all, and pray to God for you every day without exception. Almost every one of our family has had fever during the year; but we are now all better. We have been compelled to stop our studies because teacher Cole is to start to Bangkok during the waxing moon of this first month. This I

regret exceedingly. Since the father teacher (Dr. McGilvary) left a few have been baptized. We have now three services on the Sabbath. At two P. M. the women meet for prayer. The exercises are conducted by one of our number who is appointed the previous Sabbath. The men's prayer meeting, conducted in the same way, is held at Dr. Cheek's place. Sometimes it seems as though there was scarcely any one to take an interest in these things, and we are tempted to be discouraged. Then the thought comes to us that God is with us every day and every hour. This is far better than the help of man. By such thoughts our sadness is assuaged. My mother and husband send greetings. Written on the first day of the first waxing moon.

P. S.—My loving greetings to Norwood, my beloved younger brother. Are you well? I think of you every day, and wonder if you are now able to bathe, dress and care for yourself. May God be with you every day.

MISSIONARY LADIES IN SIAM AND LAOS.

REPRESENTING THE W. F. M. S.

*Mrs. J. W. Van Dyke, Bangkok.	Mrs. E. A. Sturge, Petchaburi.
Mrs. C. S. McClelland, Petchaburi.	*Mrs. D. McGilvary, Chieng Mai.

REPRESENTING THE W. P. B. M. OF THE N. W.

*Mrs. Jonathan Wilson, Chieng Mai.	Miss Laura A. Olmstead, Bangkok.
Miss Mary E. Hartwell, Bangkok.	

Syria.

THIRTY YEARS IN SYRIA.

THIRTY years to-day since we first landed on these shores. We had had a sea voyage in a sailing vessel, from Boston to Smyrna, of forty-two days, then from Smyrna to Beirut by Austrian steamer. Dr. and Mrs. Libdell, the companions of our voyage, were with us. As soon as we reached the shore we found a donkey and horse ready to carry us to the house of the Rev. Eli Smith, where we were expected. Our road was only a narrow path, lined on each side by cactus hedges. All was *new* to me—my first ride of this kind—many since have I had, carried safely over rocky, stony and slippery paths by this faithful but much-slandered beast.

We were greeted as only old missionaries know how to welcome *new* laborers. One sight which I saw that day for the first time was indelibly impressed upon my mind—time has not obliterated the impression: an almond tree stood near the door, laden with its beautiful white blossoms. It was Saturday, and that afternoon the

* In this country.

preparatory lecture was held at the private house of one of the mission band. I was introduced to those gathered there, most of whom are now praising God in the house not made with hands: Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. De Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Henler, Miss Whittlesey. Of this number only Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henler remain. In less than two months Miss Whittlesey was laid to rest. A little incident I recall. That noon a bunch of wild flowers was sent in as a welcome, with the card, "From Sister Louise" (that was Miss Whittlesey). The fragrance of those flowers, or rather the love that prompted the act, abides with me "until this day," and is held in remembrance of her who so soon ceased from her labors for the good of the young in the school with which she was connected.

Sabbath was communion day; with what joy did I sit down to the table of the Lord! The long, trying journey ended, I had reached the "desired haven," had been welcomed, was ready to enter upon my life's work. Well do I remember that season; it marked a stage in my pilgrim way. I did not look back, but forward. Little did I know of the way I was to walk, but I trusted my heavenly, my unseen Guide. He has proved faithful, never left me, never deserted me, these thirty years.

What changes have we not seen! The narrow bridle path is now a wide road for carriages; the preparatory lecture no longer held in a private room, but in a neat building called Memorial Hall; the fields where the wild flowers were gathered are no longer open lots, but a fine, large building marks the spot where Dr. and Mrs. De Forest and Miss Whittlesey lived with their pupils; the house occupied by Dr. Eli Smith, and which was our *first home* in this strange land, has been bought and is now occupied by the Sisters—Catholics. There was no school building then; now we have our Beirut Female Seminary, a commodious building. No church; now we have a church with its towers, its bell calling the believers to the house of God; no chapel in the eastern part of the city; no college building. I am bewildered as I think of the changes in the external only, changes *we can see*. There were but a few, very few women or men that met for prayer and praise on the Sabbath; now we have three gatherings, three places of prayer open each Lord's day; and we can count not by tens, as then, but by scores, devout, intelligent worshippers.

Within these thirty years a new translation of the Bible has been given to the Arabic-speaking people. The press has been sending out and scattering all over this land the printed page. The weekly religious paper has done its good work. God be praised for all that has been accomplished; not unto the workers, not unto the laborers here, but to our God, be all the glory!

And now ,after all the changes of these years—changes of place—we are here again this *first day of February*, not now *new* missionaries, but *old;* not now just buckling on the armor ready for the contest, but, it may be, about to lay it aside—at the longest, not long to wear it. Those with whom we entered the service have fallen, many of them, on the right, on the left. Dr. Libdell went with his wife and child to Mesul, and soon finished his course. Mr. Sutphen, who crossed the ocean with us, went to Marsoven, and almost immediately fell at his post; his wife, too, is not, for God has taken her. Why are we left? Did we need more discipline, more of life's conflict, ere we could be prepared to enter into the "joy of our Lord"? We know not. Surely we have received good at the hand of our heavenly Father. Husband and wife have been permitted to walk together all these years. Death has but *once* entered the household, and that to take from our arms to that of his Saviour's our first-born. In our travels hence to Aleppo, in journeying oft, in perils of robbers (sometimes), we have been kept and guarded by our Good Shepherd. In hours of sickness, no physician nigh, we have had healing mercy granted direct from the hand of the Great Physician. We would not recount our trials; they are swallowed up in the great sea of mercies that has flowed over our lives. Not among the least do we count that two of our loved children, after having completed their preparation for their life's work, have returned to the place where their parents labored for years, to sow and we trust also to reap a plentiful harvest from seed sown years before. Two are in our native land, improving their opportunities to gain that knowledge that will fit them to serve their Master, here or elsewhere. There remains to us of the six God gave us but *one* in our home, she too young to leave the fold.

Thus far the Lord has led us, ofttimes "out of darkness into light, out of sorrow into joy." We have had our *home* in Aleppo, Kefer Ihem, Sidon, now in Beirut. We have pitched our tents (that is, lived temporarily) during the summer in many villages. We have come in contact with the women of all classes and conditions of society. I know they need the gospel to make them better wives, mothers, daughters, sisters.

I came to Syria with large expectations of what I should accomplish. Now as I look back, after thirty years, I am constrained to say, How little! My prayer to-day is, O God, accept this little! I might have done more had I been content to do each day's work; but I was looking to some *other time*—some different work. Dear friends, do not fall into this mistake. Do the little that lies in your path day by day. "Do good to *all* as you *have opportunity*."

BEIRUT MRS. W. W. EDDY.

Miss S. H. Calhoun, supported by the Synodical Society of Southern Illinois, gives this brief account of her assistants in the school for Syrian girls at Shweifat:

THERE are three teachers in the school besides myself, and we find plenty to do for the hundred girls that come daily. One of these teachers, when a young girl, was very anxious to learn, but her mother and older sisters were determined she should stay at home and wind silk, as many women and girls do, to earn a little money. At last she asked them to divide the silk and let her do her share when she pleased, so she used to work early and keep her book near her to glance at now and then. Her house being next the school, she would work till time to recite and then return again. So she worked on herself till she was sent by the mission to the Beirut Seminary, where she joined the church, and now for three years has been one of our most helpful teachers.

Another teacher is of the Druze sect. She went to a school on the mountain, and there learned and accepted the truth. When she went home she took her books with her and read to her father in them and the Bible, till he too received the Word into his heart and was baptized with his household, consisting of three daughters. She is now teaching and his other daughters are in school. The third teacher, a girl from this village, was educated in Sidon, and we hope is a true Christian.

Brazil.

FROM SAN PAULO.

MRS. J. B. HOWELL.

IN the December vacation we rented a house in a village near San Paulo where the gospel had never been preached but once and that many years ago, and during our two weeks sojourn established pleasant social relations which "broke the ice," so that when Mr. Howell held his first service there he had a congregation of seventy or eighty persons. He spent last Sabbath there and had a still larger number of intelligent and attentive listeners. A good proportion of this audience were women, which we always regard as the best evidence of genuine interest and the most encouraging proof that the truth is gaining entrance. May I ask you to bear these in prayer to our Father, that their hearing may not be only of the ear, but such that they and all their woman's influence may soon be consecrated to God, who can use them as mighty instruments in hastening on the coming of His kingdom?

MISS KUHL.

I have been very busy and so happy since my return. How I wish you could see our family! I think it would be difficult to

find a happier household in Brazil. We have ten very promising girls. Our society is in operation again. We reorganized and elected Brazilian officers, and they seem in earnest in the work. One Brazilian lady gave several thousand bricks. Our lot is already bought, and we feel that we can begin the church before long.

Last Sabbath I organized a children's missionary society. It is called the Brazilian Evangelical Society. I know you will give your foreign daughter a welcome. I wish you could have seen the eager faces and the outstretched hands offering money. It was rather a surprise to me, for I thought it wisest not to make a point of the money question until they well understood what we were going to do. For the present we intend to buy Bibles and Testaments, and send them to the interior when our missionaries go on their long journeys. But this is not all. We want our children to feel that "the field is the world," and we intend to study monthly the same subjects that our sister societies study at home. China was the subject announced for February, and our girls are animated in their efforts to procure information, pictures, etc. Two of them have just come to me to arrange sewing (extra work, for which they are to be paid, and the money given to the society). I trust that each girl when she goes to her own home will organize a society. I will try to impress this upon them.

Miss Dascomb is very busy with the large school on her hands. It is prospering now, and she is very happy in her busy life. Last month we had an addition to the church, and there will be others to profess their faith this month. One of our dear girls gave clear evidence of a change of heart. She will profess her faith in Caldas (her home), in the church of her uncle, Senhor Miguel Tonco.

China.

A TRIP IN CHINA.

I REJOICE with you that we are privileged to live in these latter days, when women have come to take their part in obeying our Saviour's last command, and that so many of the King's daughters, at home and in the foreign field, are ready to give time and talents, prayers and loving service, to our Master. It is a precious privilege that we may labor together and with Him in this grand work, sowing seed when harvest time is in eternity. I often think that now we feel it to be a great pleasure and privilege; what will it be to us all through the endless ages of eternity, when all of weariness and trial or pain in the service will be forever past, and only

the joy remaining? We shall then rejoice together; and, looking forward and upward, it seems as though it ought always to be easy to labor diligently and wait for the rest that remaineth.

Your letter was written soon after that sad day that saw our beloved President stricken down by the hand of the assassin. We had a memorial service here Monday evening, which was very impressive. I felt it a privilege to have it held in our parlor. Mrs. Henry and I draped the room. I could hardly have imagined that anything would have made it seem so real to us at this distance. After the service was over and all had gone home I spent the remainder of the night in reading and thinking of the scenes that were taking place at home, for I knew, by allowing for the difference of time, very nearly when the funeral services would be held, and I felt that I could not spend the time in sleep. I was so glad that we could know at the time, so that, although so widely separated, we could feel that we were with you in spirit, mourning together for our dead. It seemed very sad for us here when the papers came long after the telegram that told us that all was over, to read the details of those days of suffering and the strong hopes for his recovery expressed by many. Here when we read the record of those weary days of pain, long after hope had died and the long brave struggle for life was ended, it seemed inexpressibly sad. But "that life is long which answers life's great end;" and for him to die was gain, and the name he has left will be cherished lovingly and tenderly through coming years in the hearts of the millions who loved and honored him. I hope that his successor will rule wisely and well, but I doubt if this generation of Americans will ever give to another man its love and admiration in such measure as to President Garfield.

I have been wishing to write something about my trip in the country last October. It is the first trip I have taken since I came back to China, four years since; so I was quite ready to enjoy thoroughly a little change from our work and life in Canton. We had such a pleasant company that it was easy to predict a delightful time. Mr. Henry was going to visit his station in Linchau, something more than two hundred miles from Canton. He and his family had one boat, Dr. Kerr and his family another, Mr. and Mrs. White with Mr. Fulton a third, while Mrs. Happer, Miss Whilden, a Baptist lady, and myself had a fourth for our home. These boats are exceedingly comfortable, so made that they can be divided into three little rooms. Each boat had a crew of eight or nine men, so that, counting the Chinese, we had quite a large number on board of our fleet. We started from here September 27, but did not get far the first afternoon. I think I shall never forget the exquisite sense of rest that I felt when I wakened the

next morning to find that we were quietly moving up the river, beyond the sights and sounds of this busy city, and looking forward to days of quiet and rest. The scenery of the Linchau river is very beautiful. I think I wrote something of it when we saw it several years since.

Of all the days that we were away, many of which I remember with great pleasure, the one that was best of all was the first Sabbath. We anchored Saturday evening in a pass where the river comes through a mountain range. The water is quite deep, and on either side the mountains rise from the water's edge. There was a monastery near by, and just behind it a beautiful waterfall. Early in the morning Mrs. Happer, Miss Whilden and I went up to the waterfall, and, sitting down on the rocks, listened to the "music in the waters" and watched the morning sunshine lighting up one mountain top after another, and with our whole hearts thanked God for the beautiful quiet Sabbath day. He had given us a real day of rest. We learned together Faber's beautiful hymn,

"There's a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea,"

and I think I shall never sing or listen to it again without hearing as a soft refrain the music of falling water and seeing the morning sunshine lighting up those grand old mountains. Later in the day we all went a little way up the mountain side, and under the shade of some beautiful trees we had a service of prayer and praise. All the hours of that delightful day we "rested according to the commandment," and late in the afternoon came back to the waterfall, and lingered there until the deepening shadows of the twilight obliged us to return to the boat. When we came back we found Mr. Henry sitting on the broad stone steps leading up to the monastery, preaching to the men from the different boats, who were gathered around him. It brought to mind thoughts of the time when Jesus taught the people by the sea; and as I listened to the words of life that fell from the lips of His servant I thought of the precious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

Our second Sabbath we spent among the mountains and in pleasant surroundings. We had a morning service; and in the afternoon Mrs. Happer, Miss Whilden and I went across the river to visit some villages. We found, however, that the women were nearly all out in the fields at work, so did not have a good opportunity of talking with them. It was excessively hot in the sun; but I found a shady place sheltered by some bushes, and a little group of women left their work and came and listened to me for a time.

Our third and last Sabbath we spent at Linchau. We did not

go quite up to the city, lest such a number of foreigners might create a disturbance among the people, as some are opposed to the introduction of Christianity. So it was thought best to anchor a mile or two below the city. A great many women, however, hearing that we were there, came down in boats to see us. We invited them all to come on the boat and listen to what we had to say to them, and all seemed most ready to accept an invitation. During the day there were about one hundred and fifty who thus came to see us, and all seemed very friendly and stayed to listen for a longer or shorter time. We were very glad to have such a good opportunity of "sowing the seed," and pleased to find that we could make ourselves understood without difficulty.

The next morning we turned our faces back to Canton. We made the trip down the river very quickly, reaching here Saturday morning. I hope we shall be able to do more in the future in the way of visiting in the country as we get more helpers here in Canton.

MISS H. NOYES.

CANTON, CHINA.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Mrs. J. M. W. Farnham, of Shanghai, supported by societies in Fort Wayne, began her work in China in 1860. In a recent report she shows the prosperous state of the fourteen schools. The following paragraph describes the monthly examination:

IT is quite an interesting sight to see the chapel full of children of all ages, from four or five up to twenty; amusing and pleasing to hear the little, childish voices rattling off as fast as they can their generally well-committed lessons, and see the bodies swaying back and forth. As far as we can, we try to have them stand still when reciting, but they seem to be able to recite much better when moving from one foot to the other, the universal style in China. We feel truly thankful that so many of our former pupils have turned out so well and are doing such good service. We cannot but think that these day-schools must be doing a good work in moulding so many of the young minds of the neighborhood, a work which will, we trust, tell in time.

I have also lately started a woman in Bible work for half the day. She has always manifested an earnest spirit, and will, I trust, be a great blessing to many of her fellow countrywomen. About seven or eight years ago she became interested in the truth, and in order that she might become better acquainted with the doctrines of the gospel she undertook to cook the rice in the boys' school for a year or more. She was received into the church and has been very regular in her attendance when able, and often brings a number of women with her. She seems very much interested in her work,

and I do hope she may be the means of leading many to the Saviour.

I intended this winter, with the help of one of our former pupils, to begin a sewing class, but her health has not allowed it. I hope, after the Chinese New Year's festivities are over, to be able to do so. It is no use to try to do anything about the New Year, for every one is busy and preparing for the great holiday.

A MEMORIAL CONFESSION PRESENTED BY AN EMPEROR IN CHINA.

In the state religion of China the emperor, as the Son of Heaven, the co-ordinate with Heaven and Earth, the third of the trinity of Heaven, Earth and Man, from whom he derives his right and power to rule on earth among mankind, is the one man who is their vicegerent. He alone must offer the oblations twice each year, on the altar of Earth and Heaven at Peking. He is not a ruler by mere power, but is so in the ordinance of nature, and the basis of his authority is divine, and he is accountable to his two super-ordinate powers for its record and results. If the people suffer from pestilence or famine, he is at fault, and must atone by prayer, sacrifice or reformation as a disobedient son. In time of a great famine the emperor offered the following

CONFESSION AND PRAYER.

"Kneeling, a memorial is hereby presented to cause affairs to be heard.

"Oh! alas! imperial Heaven, were not the world afflicted by extraordinary changes, I would not dare to present extraordinary services. But this year the drought is most unusual. Summer is past and no rain has fallen. Not only do agriculture and human beings feel the dire calamity, but also beasts and insects, herbs and trees, almost cease to live. I, the minister of Heaven, am placed over mankind, and am responsible for keeping the world in order and tranquillizing the people.

"Although it is now impossible for me to sleep or eat with composure—although I am scorched with grief, and tremble with anxiety—still, after all, no genial and copious showers have been obtained.

"Some days ago I fasted and offered rich sacrifices on the altars of the gods of the land and grain, and had to be thankful for gathering clouds and slight showers, but not enough to cause gladness. Looking up, I consider that Heaven's heart is benevolence and love. The sole cause is the daily deeper atrocity of my sins—but

little sincerity and little devotion. Hence I have been unable to move Heaven's heart and bring down abundant blessings. I feel impelled by ten thousand considerations to look up, and, with trembling anxiety, rashly assail Heaven, examine myself and consider my errors, looking and hoping I may obtain pardon. I ask myself whether in sacrificial services I have been disrespectful; whether or not pride and prodigality have had a place in my heart, springing up there unobserved; whether from the length of time I have become remiss in attending to the affairs of the government, and have been unable to attend to them with that serious diligence and strenuous effort which I ought.

"Whether I have uttered irreverent words, and have deserved reprehension; whether perfect comity has been obtained in conferring rewards or inflicting punishments.

"Whether in the appointments of officers I have failed to obtain fit persons, and thereby the acts of government have been petty and vexatious to the people.

"Whether punishments have been unjustly inflicted or not; whether the oppressed have found no means of appeal.

"Whether, in persecuting heterodox sects, the innocent have been involved.

"Whether or not the magistrates have insulted the people, and refused to listen to their affairs. Whether, in the successive military operations on the western frontiers, there may not have been the horrors of human slaughter for the sake of imperial rewards.

"Whether the largesses bestowed on the afflicted provinces were properly applied, or the people were left to die in the ditches.

"Whether the efforts to exterminate or pacify the rebellious mountaineers were properly conducted, or whether they led to the inhabitants being trampled on as mire and ashes.

"To all these topics, to which my anxiety has been directed, I ought to lay the plumb-line, and strenuously endeavor to correct what is wrong: still recollecting that there may be faults which have not occurred to me in my meditations.

"Prostrate, I beg imperial Heaven to pardon my ignorance and stupidity, and to grant me self-renovation; for myriads of innocent people are involved by me, a single man.

"My sins are so numerous I cannot escape them. Summer is past and autumn arrived: to wait longer will be really impossible.

"Knocking head, I pray imperial Heaven to hasten and confer gracious deliverance—a speedy and divinely-beneficial rain to save the people's lives, and in some degree redeem my iniquities. Oh! alas! imperial Heaven, observe these things. Oh! alas! imperial Heaven, be gracious to them. I am inexpressibly grieved, alarmed and frightened. Reverently this memorial is presented."

India.

Now that we have gotten settled here we like it very much. The situation is a delightful one, in a large compound just on the bank of the Jumna river. There are many fine old trees, which look as though they had stood the storms of ages, growing here, and the children play out in their shade almost the day long. There is one remarkable limb on an immense old tree just below our side of the house. I suppose all the children that have lived here since the house was built, and doubtless children of a less favored race before that time, have used it for their play. It twists and turns and extends in the direction of the river, so near to the ground that half a dozen daring travellers can take long journeys upon it at once, riding high or low, on a jog trot or gallop.

After we came down here, and while waiting for our goods to arrive, we had a most enjoyable visit at Benares. The curious old city is well worth a visit. One going there and exploring the regions of the bathing *ghats*, burning *ghats*, temples, shrines, etc., gets such a heart-convincing glimpse of the vileness, the sinfulness and the terrible strength of the Hindoo religion as could be gotten nowhere else; unless, indeed, I might except the great Khumbh Mela, which has been going on here for the past three weeks. A great Hindoo festival has been held here yearly, but this one comes but once in twelve years. It is held at the junction of the Ganges and Jumna rivers, and the people believe that a third river, an underground one, also joins the other two there. For an area of four square miles back from the place where they unite the whole place is packed with people come to wash away their sins. On the great day of the mela we were so fortunate as to secure an elephant, and riding upon it went all over the mela ground, getting thus the best possible view of the masses of human beings gathered there. Oh, it is a disgusting, heart-sickening sight, to see their most popular forms of worship! A crowd of fakirs or holy men passed near us, hundreds of them going to bathe in the river. The most sacred of these were entirely naked, and all were hideous with long matted hair hanging from their heads and dust and ashes covering their bodies. Yet the people shouted as if a procession of deities were passing, and scrambled like wild people to get a little of the dust which any of their holy feet had trodden, and if a wet place lay in the way of the procession they pressed near to be ready to catch up a little of the filthy water to drink as soon as the fakirs had passed.

We rode for quite a distance into the river at the Jumna side of the point almost to the place where the waters of the two are mingling. That was the most desirable place of all for performing the bath-

ing, to do which so many of these poor people had come for hundreds of miles. On every hand were the eager, almost crazed, multitude, rich and poor, princes with their retinues and beggars in their wretchedness. Many poor, weak women were there struggling in the water and holding little children that the healing water may flow over them. The whole mela was the most wonderful thing that I ever saw. Cholera broke out, and it had to be closed by the authorities ten days before it would have ended.

I have engaged the daughter of Mrs. Johnson's Bible woman to assist me in any work that I may be able to do. She has been for several years matron in the girls' orphanage at Dehra. She was dismissed a few months ago because she was having fever there. Since coming back here her health seems very good. She is a widow with four children. She left three little girls in the school at Dehra. She seems like a capable, good Christian woman, and I hope will prove satisfactory. She is engaged with the understanding that she is to open new work, not to go to houses where there has been an opportunity given the women to learn from some other quarter. . . .

JENNIE S. EWING.

ALLAHABAD.

OUT IN CAMP.

WE are now wandering about the country on our annual itineration, and I can assure you in the full enjoyment of camp life on the plains of India. It is three weeks since we left our home in Futtehgurh, and we hope to be able to remain out until the middle of February, unless old Sol drives us from under canvas to seek a more substantial shelter elsewhere before that time. We have found the change most delightful, and I trust that this fresh outdoor life will fortify us with new strength for the coming hot season. We have with us four native helpers, three catechists to assist Brother G—— and one Bible woman for the zenana work, as we visit the different villages on our journey. The language of these poor, ignorant village women is most difficult to understand; it makes me feel as though I knew nothing, simply nothing, although my examination, which took place in November, proved satisfactory; but with the assistance of a good Bible woman, I nevertheless enjoy doing and saying what little I can to them.

Thus far we have been very kindly received by the women, and for the most part have had large, attentive audiences. Many seem to listen eagerly, anxious to know something of the true religion and way of salvation. Whenever we have met with opposition or abuse of any kind, it has come from the husbands of these women, the latter pleading, but in vain, for us to remain and talk more with them. Such trials are only occasional, I am happy to say, but

oh, so discouraging! No one can know, but by sad experience, how trying. Still it is no more than we can expect from a people so buried in superstition and idolatry. It seems to me that but very little good can result from such occasional visits to these villages in the jungles; but whether much or little is accomplished, it is for us to do our duty faithfully in witnessing for Christ wherever we can. I trust that a few of the gospel seeds sown by the wayside as we have journeyed may fall into good ground and prove a word of life to some poor heathen soul now dead in sin and a stranger to Christ's precious love. We may never live to see any fruit from these labors, still we are comforted by the thought that God will own and bless, in His own good time and way, the feeblest efforts put forth for the extension of His glorious kingdom. E. J. SEELEY.

CAMP AT MIRAN SARAE, *Jan.* 30, 1882.

Persia.

IT is now the long vacation in the college. Our students are out at work in the villages, on the plain and in the mountains. My Sabbath-school class of twelve young men are all teaching; nearly all of these are professed followers of Jesus. Some are earnest, faithful Christians. There is one, the son of one of our pastors, whom I would like to ask your circle to remember in prayer. Nathaniel is an unusually bright boy, standing high in all his classes. He is our best English scholar, and is in every way fitted to be a useful man, only one thing he lacks, he is not a Christian. It seems to me I cannot see him go out of our school unchanged. He will be a power for good or evil. The need of consecrated men and women was never so great as now in our field. Everywhere people are ready to hear, but the laborers are few.

There is a work now among the Nestorians which they themselves can do far better than we can. The personal labor for souls, visiting from house to house, they do better than we can do it, for their own people. I have been much interested in listening to the pastors talk. They know just what the hindrances are, and can tell the people what they can do, when often to us there appears no escape from their temptations. In the matter of self-support, for instance, the people are so wretchedly poor that we don't know where they can spare the Lord's portion, but the pastor knows where they can save and where they waste. Pray for our students in both schools, that they may be wholly the Lord's, to spend and be spent in His service.

My weekly Bible class of servants lies very near my heart. "In those days I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and upon the handmaids," is the promise I plead for them. I do see evidence

of the Spirit's power in the enlightening of the dull understanding, the more careful, conscientious walk of some of our own household, and in the deep interest shown by all. The servants employed by us often become dishonest, and you can understand that they are severely tempted by seeing and having access to many better things than they are accustomed to.

There are many obstacles to the work. The Papists have never been so active in sowing seeds of dissension and in giving money to entice people from our churches and schools. They also freely bribe the authorities, so that it is almost impossible to get justice done. Beggary is a fearful evil. Many church members have been ruined in the Russian sink of corruption. Intemperance also is a giant evil this winter, as much wine has been made. Debt is another terrible weight upon this people. The rates of interest are so exorbitant that a small debt soon grows to dimensions beyond the power to pay, and then they go off and beg and lie, and go from bad to worse, often returning from Russia with plenty of money and full of all wickedness and disease. I think we have never felt more strongly that unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build. MRS. SHEDD.

OROOMIAH.

For the Young People.

A MISSIONARY'S OUTFIT SIXTY YEARS AGO.

"OF all the letters which came to us through our missionary post-office last year," says a band leader, "none was more unexpected and interesting than this from an aged mother in Israel, to whom the great missionary enterprises of the day, especially those among the young, seem to be a perpetual delight and inspiration. She writes us from her far-off western home:

"'In the year 1821 Rev. John Seely and his young wife, Mary, were appointed as missionaries among the Indians of Brainard, in Georgia. The distance from northern New Jersey, where they lived, to that point seemed greater then than a journey to China is in these days of railroads and steamers. One evening just before they left I went with my uncle and aunt in their old-fashioned gig to Mary's home, about two miles distant, to call on these departing missionaries.

"'"Is everything in readiness for the journey?" asked auntie.

"'"Everything but a quilt Mary pieced when a child," replied her mother. "We have been obliged to leave that to finish and send after her at some future time."

"'"Give it to me," said auntie; "I will finish it."

"'"No," replied the mother, "I have no lining for it; and if I had, there is but one day more before they start."

"'"Give it to me," persisted auntie. "It shall be done in time."

"'The neat print or tinted cambric with which your last bed-spread was lined was too easily obtained, my dear girls, to give you any idea of the labor involved in this promise. As for the even thread on the spool in your work-basket, that was a luxury of which the daintiest seamstress could not avail herself sixty years ago.

"'But to my story again. Home once more from our ride over the hills, uncle sat down, with his newspaper and candle, and auntie, laying aside her wraps, went straight to the kitchen with orders to her colored boys. (There were slaves in New Jersey in those patriarchal days.) "Bring down the little wheel and some flax," she said to one; and turning to another, "Put on the dye kettle." There was thread to be spun and linen to be dyed that night for the quilt, which must be done by the next afternoon if done at all.

"'I remember the scene the next morning when I came down to breakfast. The table was set with its snowy napkins and its old-fashioned china and silver, the wood fire was crackling on the hearth, and the tall brass andirons shone out a glowing welcome. Auntie was again in the kitchen. On the great clothes-horse frame hung the lining she had provided from her linen closet. It had been pieced and dyed a pretty salmon color. The thread, too, had been spun and twisted and prepared for use by a laborious process familiar to the good housewives of that period. Behind the clothes-frame, by the spacious kitchen fire-place, with its huge back log and blaze of bright fire, sat auntie, carding the cotton and making it into *batts* for the quilt. As she put each layer aside, I have no doubt she offered a prayer. Seeing me, she said, "My dear, when you go to school I want you to ask the best quilters in R—— [naming some who were famous for their dispatch in that line] to help me to-day."

"'On my return from school at night there were the old ladies (five in number) enjoying their tea together around the hospitable board. The quilt had been finished and sent home.

"'Two years afterward a box was sent to Brainard. Our old communion service was put in it, with many other comforts for the use of the little church there.

"'I was reminded of all this story of the past by records in *Woman's Work for Woman* of similar gifts to the needy.'"

MON SERRATE.

A LITTLE more than a year ago a party of about thirty persons began the ascent of a mountain which rises eighteen hundred feet above the city of Bogota. It was hard work climbing over the rocks, and we were obliged to stop often for rest. A beautiful scene burst upon our view as the sun peeped from behind the distant hills; he seemed to turn the lakes scattered over the plains into silver. The higher we went the farther we could see, and when we reached the top a still grander sight met us from the other side. There were mountains and valleys as far as the eye could reach, and a little stream rushed with all its force into the plain below. The wind was blowing and we had to throw our shawls around us to keep warm. There is a church on the very top of the mountain; the people were holding services when we arrived, and almost all the time they were ringing the bells and shooting off sky-rockets. Wouldn't you think that a queer way to have service? Inside the church is an image of Christ, which the poor people believe can perform wonderful cures. It is strange to us that they can be so blind, but they have never been taught any better. How much need there is for them to be told!

We ate breakfast in the open air; the first thing they gave us was *soup*. Did you ever have that at a picnic? When dinner-time came it was too cold to eat outside, so we were invited into a carpenter shop and had his bench for our table.

As we started home it began to rain and we were obliged to take refuge in a little cave. There are several in the road; they are used by devout Roman Catholics as places of prayer. The walls were covered with sticks and straws made in the form of a cross. The moon was shining brightly when we reached home, tired, but well pleased with our first picnic in Colombia.

BOGOTA, U. S. OF COLOMBIA. M. B. RAMSAY.

YOUNG LADIES' SOCIETY OF CLARION, PA.

TEN years ago a young lady teacher in the Sabbath-school of Clarion, Pa., formed with her class of girls a mission band, under the title of "Willing Workers." This band grew, and in October, 1878, the title was changed to "The Young Ladies' Auxiliary Missionary Society." On the evening of March 3, 1882, their decennial meeting was held in the Presbyterian church of Clarion. The history of the society was read by one of the original members. During the ten years more than $500 have been contributed. Papers were read concerning the different fields to which the society has been or is contributing. The last paper of

the evening was an essay on the reflex influence of missionary work on the society. Appropriate music was interspersed. At an after meeting of former and present members a decennial offering of $18.75 was given.

At Home.

NOW ARE WE THE CHILDREN OF GOD?

Our position and privileges demand more earnest work than we usually perform. Paul repeatedly told the heathen converts, "Ye are the children of God." Their sins had been "cancelled by a pen dipped in blood." They were not to waste time in deploring the past, but trust a heavenly Father's promise. They were adopted into the great family of the redeemed. God was the Father, and Christ was the elder Brother.

These teachings and this faith of the apostolic times were to extend through all time, and strengthen every band of praying Christian women, no matter how small the number. We are children of God, now, while our souls are contained in these frail bodies. We cannot tell what or how glorious we shall be; but when Christ is made manifest "we shall be completely like Him, both in the incorruptibility of our bodies and the perfect holiness of our souls."

But while waiting for this promised perfect state we are already children of God! We can call Him our Father; go to Him for everything we need, as our children come to us. We can pray for our own dear offspring, and for the world lying in wickedness, *expecting* that all good things will be given us for our petition. Will there be a happier entrance at last than the one experiences who can say, "Here, Father, am I and all whom Thou hast given me"? Then our happy relationship with Christ now. We can claim an inheritance with Him! This means so much to us that it fills one with awe. Equal with Christ! The bruised feet, the bleeding hands, the pierced side, the breaking heart—all the shame and pain of Calvary are forgotten—and He who loved us as His own life styles Himself our Brother. Would our zeal in His work balance that infinite love if it were honestly weighed?

We are put on probation here for a time, and our steadfastness will prove our worthiness. We can afford to wait a few years, we can endure patiently self-denials and sacrifices, that we may grow like Him who is our life; but we cannot sit at ease in Zion, or idle away the precious hours of our short earthly existence. From the alleys of our cities and from the towns dotting our wide prairies, as well as from the dark places of the earth, comes the cry, "Who

will show us any good?" Sins of omission will jeopardize our eternal life as surely as sins of commission. "Ye have neglected my little ones" will be as severe condemnation as "Ye have done evil continually" in that day when our loving Father shall have assumed the position of our just Judge. L.

BIBLE READING.

BY MRS. J. F. DRIPPS.

OBEDIENCE.—If our hearts are ever to respond as they should to the work of foreign missions, it must be through a deep and abiding sense of our responsibility to Him whom we call Master and Lord. The spirit of unquestioning obedience is the very heart and soul of missionary effort. Obedience as a self-imposed task must ever be a weariness to the flesh; but when we are assured that the power to obey comes from Him whom we are to obey we can rejoice and take courage. In God's word we read, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;" and we are plainly told that we are elected by God unto obedience. Jer. xxxi. 33; 1 Peter i. 2.

I.—Christ Himself has given us the example of obedience. Heb. v. 8; Phil. ii. 8.

II.—Our obedience must be sincere. 2 Cor. x. 5; Jer. xlii. 20–22; Jer. vii. 22, 23; 1 Sam. xv. 22, 23.

III.—Nothing can warrant disobedience to any law of the King. Deut. xiii. 1–4.

IV.—God has assured us that our disobedience shall be punished. Deut. viii. 20; Deut. xxviii. 62; Josh. v. 6; 2 Kings xviii. 11, 12.

V.—Obedience is the test by which to know whether our faith is real and true. James ii. 18; Rom. i. 5; Rom. xvi. 26; Rom. xv. 18; Acts vi. 7; Heb. xi. 8, 17; Gen. xxii. 18.

VI.—Obedience is the test by which to know whether our repentance is sincere. Deut. xxx. 2, 8, 20; Jer. xxvi. 13.

VII.—Obeying the directions given in the gospel is the necessary condition of receiving benefit from them. 2 Thess. i. 8; Acts v. 32; Heb. v. 9; Deut. iv. 30, 31; Jer. xi. 7, 8; Isa. l. 10; Jer. xxxviii. 19, 20.

VIII.—Forgiveness is bestowed in order to obedience. Isa. i. 18, 19.

IX.—The gospel is written to show that Jesus is the King (anointed One) to be obeyed. Believing in Him (trusting Him for grace, and using that grace in obedience), we have life. John xx. 31.

MY PILGRIMAGE.

I go on pilgrimage:
My Guide engage,
And, setting out with purpose true
To shun earth's vain delights,
Day after day my way pursue
Toward the far-distant heights.

I go on pilgrimage:
At every stage
I count the miles I've left behind,
And those that yet remain
Ere I my resting-place shall find,
The holy mountain gain.

I go on pilgrimage:
And warfare wage;
At every step my courage fails,
So mighty are my foes;
Yet on I press o'er hills and dales,
With this sweet word, "He knows."

I go on pilgrimage:
The tempests rage;
Shall I withstand their roar and shock?
Yea: He who guides my way
Will hide me 'neath the sheltering rock
Till storms shall pass away.

I go on pilgrimage:
On every page
As record of some danger past,
Some kind assistance given;
And my sure Guide will hold me fast
Till I arrive in heaven.

There ends my pilgrimage:
It will assuage
The bitterness of earth's dark way
To know the steps I've trod
Were leading me to endless day,
Where dwells my Father, God.

ALLENTOWN, N. J. H. N. V.

CHARITY THINKETH NO EVIL.

IT is so easy for me to spend my neighbors' money, to train my neighbors' children, to even regulate their husbands, to see how great their duties are towards the Sunday-school, the sewing society, the missionary meeting. Mrs. A. is so rich; if I were in her place I would be so liberal. Mrs. B. has no children; she certainly can have leisure for anything. Mrs. C. has so many servants, who come when she calleth and go when she sendeth, that there is no excuse for her doing deeds of charity as if on flowery beds of ease.

Society has never insisted that I was necessary for its continuance and well being, but I suppose that is no reason why I should assume an "I am holier than thou" in viewing my sister to whom has been given the great gift of shining therein.

How hard it is for us when we are interested in some particular branch of the Lord's work and enthused to a white heat of ardor, and start out to interest others similarly, to encounter not only indifference but downright opposition! How suddenly we are impressed with the idea that the whole world is given over to vanity, and I only am left to do this good thing! Great need then for the charity that is not easily provoked. Of course the oft-said truth that it takes all sorts of people to make a world is evident to all, and in our own church circle we have every type and kind, and all are needed and chosen by God to fill the perfect circle of life's demands; and we can all cultivate to our advantage this lovely grace of charity which suffereth long and *is kind*. A. C. A.

CLIPPINGS FROM LETTERS.

"HAVE you any other work that I can do? Please always to bear in mind that my time is short, and I must 'work while the day lasts,' for the night of death will soon come. Yes, my weary, halting footsteps are hastening on 'through the lessening little while.' But then,

> 'Eternity is long,
> Its joys are manifold,
> And the service of its song
> Never falters or grows old.'"

"The mantle of God's love covers the earth, and in its meshes are bound together all to whom the Messiah was sent, all for whom He suffered and died."

"I feel that God will raise up true hearts to fill the vacant ranks of those whom He has promoted."

"I do not think it is either weak or wrong to get homesick. God never gave us parents and brothers and sisters to love, and hearts to love them, and then expected us to crush out all care for them; but the very bearing of this cross is part of our discipline, and helps to make the home-coming more glad."

"Your gift made me think of God: He gives like Himself, and your letters are like heaven's own messengers of encouragement to me in my little out-of-the-way corner of the vineyard."

AN HUNDRED FOLD IN THIS LIFE.

IN the early days of our society, when *Woman's Work for Woman* first came out, we were gathered for our monthly meeting. The

secretary was taking the names of the subscribers, and we were regretting that they were so few. Our good pastor came in to say a few encouraging words, and suggested that those who felt able should take an extra copy for a friend, adding that it would be a good way to circulate missionary intelligence, and it might set some one to thinking who had never heard of women's societies. One of our members, acting upon that suggestion, sent one to an aged friend in an eastern state. She was a widow past fourscore, living with a daughter three miles from her church, but she was a warm-hearted Christian and deeply interested in missions and mission work. She was very much pleased with the attention and delighted with the book. She read it and read it again, and talked it over with her neighbors, but could not tell whom it came from. The next number came and she was more surprised than ever. This contained a plan for a woman's missionary society, with a constitution. She read it attentively, and then said, "Well, this means something. I have thought I was too old to work more, but I was mistaken." She believed in special Providence, and felt as if this was a special call from God to her that she should use her influence in forming a society where a woman's society had never been thought of. The result was that an organization was formed immediately, not large, but efficient.

Dr. John Hall said, in a recent address before a home missionary society, "Individuals pass away, but organizations survive." So in this case. That mother and daughter have gone to their reward, but the society still lives and prospers. Every year one or more valuable boxes have been sent to home missionaries at the West, and hundreds of dollars have gone to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions from there, and many women have been brought out from the retirement of farm life, and made to feel that they might have the privilege of aiding in carrying the gospel to every creature. All this is the result of a suggestion made by our pastor, promptly acted upon by a member of this society.

FIRST CHURCH, CHICAGO.

W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

Subject for Prayer-meeting, 1334 *Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*, *May* 16, 12 *M.*—Prayer for the children of missionaries, that they may be kept from the evil that surrounds them in heathen lands, that they may be objects of special divine care while in this country, that they may grow up to fill the places of their parents. "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth" (Ps. xlv. 16).

THE school building in Mexico city has been paid for, and we shall need no further funds for this object. We make this announcement with great pleasure and thankfulness. Any additional sums sent for it before the first of May will be appropriated to other building funds.

WILL those who send money to the Treasurer *always* specify the object for which it is intended? She does not keep the books for the "Special Object" department, and is not expected to know what you mean when you say that "our money is to be appropriated the same as last year," or when you say nothing at all about it. The Secretary, who prepares the "Record of Foreign Work" for the Annual Report, refers to the Treasurer's books for her data regarding the support of work assumed by the various auxiliaries and bands. If she finds there no money given for the object for which an auxiliary or band is pledged, she must take it for granted that the amount was not given, even though it may have been sent, and gone into the general fund. We would like to have the Annual Report perfect, but cannot make it so without the co-operation of those who send the money.

A HELPFUL leaflet, entitled "Suggestions to Young Ladies' Bands," is now ready for use. Price 5 cents. Address Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

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Cincinnati Pres., Westwood Ch., O.
Dayton Pres., Clifton Ch., O.
Erie Pres., Mercer 1st Ch., Pa.
Genesee Pres., Elba, N. Y.
Kingston Pres., Forest Hill Ch. and Philadelphia, Tenn.
Lehigh Pres., Lock Ridge Ch., Pa.
Monmouth Pres., Asbury Park and Manasquan, N. J.
St. Clairsville Pres., Bellaire 2d Ch., O.
Union Pres., Spring Place Ch., Tenn.
Wooster Pres., Canal Fulton, O.
Zanesville Pres., Homer, O.

BANDS.

Batavia, N. Y., S. S.
Canal Fulton, O., Willing Workers.
Greensburgh, Pa., Infant S. S., Little Sunbeams.
Greenville, Pa., S. S.
Jenkintown, Pa., Grace Ch., Y. P. B.
Lancaster, Pa., Bearers of Light, Y. P. B.
Montclair, N. J., Boys' Bell Band.
Mt. Nebo, Pa., Mission Circle.
Nottingham, O., United Workers for Jesus.
Oil City, Pa., 1st Ch., Y. P. Soc.
Philadelphia, Pa., Central Ch., Pauline Bd. (Boys); South Ch., Earnest Workers; Westminster Ch., Y. P. B.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Golden Rule Bd.
Warsaw, N. Y., Y. L. Bd.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Armstrong, Mrs. Angelina Core
Balloch, Miss Lizzie
Barnes, Mrs. Hannah M.
Bathgate, Miss Mollie
Campbell, Mrs. Almira M.
Conklin, Mrs. E. L.
Corbett, Miss Margaret A.
Darling, Miss Hattie

Dunn, Miss Jean
Elliott, Miss Helen
English, Mrs. Mary
Eyster, Mrs. Nellie
Frazer, Miss Fannie
Giddings, Mrs. C. M.
Graham, Miss Belle
Hall, Mrs. Samuel
Hays, Miss Isabella M.
Harker, Mrs. Asa
Harkins, Miss M. R.
Hemphill, Rev. John
Hood, Mrs. Jennie
Houston, Miss Georgie
Kratzer, Miss Kittie
Laughlin, Mrs. Annie J.
Laughrey, Miss Eliza
Lockwood, Mrs. L. A.
McCandlish, Mrs. Thomas
McClure, Miss Nannie
McGee, Mrs. Thomas
Monroe, Mrs. John
Mount, Mrs. Amelia
Neill, Mrs. S. J.
Pierson, Mrs. C. C.
Rathbun, Mrs. J. G.
Robinson, Eliza McC.
Seehler, Mrs. P. M.
Smith, Mrs. Sophia
Stephenson, Mrs. D.
Stevens, Mrs. I. C.
Swigert, Mrs. L. M.
Taylor, Miss M. M.
Wait, Miss Amanda
Webster, Mrs. Chauncey
Woodbridge, Mrs. Abby M.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from March 1, 1882.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Carthage Aux., $6; Marietta, 4th St. Aux., for Persia, $38; Middleport Aux., $14, ... $48 00

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore Aisquith St. Aux., zenana work, $100; Boundary Ave. Aux., $126 35, Band, $25 ($151 35), sch. bld'g Mexico; Broadway Aux., same, $24; Brown Mem. Ch. Aux., Miss'y Lahore, $400; Mrs. E. P. S. Jones Mem. Bd., 1 teacher and 2 sch'ps Sidon, $135, S. S., schs. Lahore, $130 98, Graeme Harrison Bd., $40, Mackenzie Band, $20, Smith Bd., $20, sch'ps Dehra, Miss. Sch., Lahore schools, $6 43, sch. bld'g Mexico, $54, Rev. J. S. Jones, same, $34 50 ($840 91); Central Ch. Aux., Miss'y, Lahore, $150, S. S., school Lahore, $150 ($300); 1st Ch. S. S., sch'p Gaboon, $25, Allahabad, $35, sch. bld'g Mexico, $50, Miss Morris, $10, Mrs. W. B. Canfield, $10, Mrs. Purviance, $10 ($30), Miss'y Lahore ($140); 12th Ch. Aux., sch. Lahore, $38, Mrs. Wylie's B. C., Miss'y Lahore, $50, Miss. Bd., sch'p Saharanpur, $30, sch. bld'g Mexico, $40 ($158); Lafayette Sq. Aux., $60, Earnest Workers, $51 ($110), sch. bld'g Mexico; Westminster Aux., zenana work, $104; Bel Air Aux., Persia, $10; Churchville Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $34; Chestnut Grove, ladies, same, $37; Ellicott City Aux., schs. Chefoo, $60; Hampden Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $15 50; Harmony Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $18; Piney Creek Aux., same, $31; Williamsport Aux., same, $10, ... $2144 76

BINGHAMTON.—Nineveh Aux. ($25 from a friend for L. M.), ... 48 00

BLAIRSVILLE.—Livermore Aux., $18 50, Poke Run Aux., $21 05, all for Miss'y Gaboon, ... 39 55

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, E. D., 1st Aux., ... 21 98

BUTLER.—Amity Aux., $6; Centreville Bd., $10 59; Clintonville Aux., $12 65; Harrisville Aux., $52; Muddy Creek, $66; Pine Grove Aux., $58 43, Bd.,

$10 07, Mission Garden, $12 25 ($80 75); Sunbury Bd., $4 10; Unionville Aux., $29, Gospel Soldiers, $17 ($46), ... $278 09

CARLISLE.—Carlisle, 1st Aux., Miss'y Syria, $25, sch. bld'g Mex., $20 27, Golden Chain Bd., Nanking bld'g, $10 19 ($55 46); Carlisle, 2d Aux., Miss'y Syria, $25, sch. bld'g Mexico, $24, Pearl Seekers, sch'p Bancho sch. Japan, $31 ($80); Chambersburg Central Aux., Miss'y Syria, $5, work Petchaburi, $52, Earnest Workers, N. A. Indians, $30, sch. bld'g Mexico, $30 ($117); Falling Spring Aux., sch. Lahore, $61 40, Miss'y Syria, $10 50, Y. L. B., $50, sch. bld'g Mexico, $38 50 ($160 40); Wilson College, Y. L. B., sch. bld'g Mexico, $80 41; Dickinson, Star of Hope Soc., sch'p Ningpo, $41 30; Gettysburg, Master's Helping Bd., sch'p Sidon, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $13 50 ($53 50); Green Castle Aux., sch'p Beirut, $20, Miss'y Syria, $10, sch. bld'g Mexico, $10, Y. L. Circle, same, $8 70, Lilies of the Valley, sch'p Tungchow, $27 09, M. J. A., thank-off., $2 50, Rosie Winger, $2 ($80 29); Harrisburg, Market Sq. Ch. Aux., Miss'y Syria, $50, work Chefoo, $25, S. A. F., Medical Fund, $2, "Annie's purse," L. M. and sch. bld'g Mexico, $25, J. A. B., same, $100, S. F., same, $25, E. E. H., same, $20, M. M., same, $1, Mission Gleaners, sch'p Futtehgurh, $15 ($263); Pine St. Ch. Aux., Miss'y Syria, $50, Chinese Home Cal., $25, sch. bld'g Mexico, $13, sch'p Canton, $9, Miss Hays' Bible Class, sch. bld'g Mexico, $12, Anything for Jesus Bd., sch'p Canton, $6, Brave and True (boys) Bd., boy Baraka, $24, Earl Roy and Martie, same, $1, Syrian Helpers, sch'p Sidon, $50, Dr. Stine's Bible Class, sch'p Sidon, $50, Talitha Cumi Bd., sch'p Wewoka, $50 ($290); Westminster Aux., $19 50, Bd., $10 50 ($30). village sch. Syria, Mr. Mateer's Bible Class, sch. bld'g Mexico, $15 ($45); 7th St. Ch. Aux., $16 12, Bd., $5 ($21 12), Miss'y Syria; Lower Marsh Creek Bd., same, $30; McConnellsburg Aux., same, $17 50; Mechanicsburg Aux., sch. Lahore, $57 20, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5, Happy Workers, boys' sch. Tungchow, $6 ($68 20); Mercersburg S. S., Miss'y Africa, $25, sch. bld'g Mexico, $26 60, Thomas Creigh Bd., sch. bld'g Nanking, $17 40, Y. L. Branch, sch. bld'g Mexico, $23 43 ($102 43); Millerstown, work Japan, $20; Newville (Big Spring Ch.) Aux., Miss'y Africa and Gen. Fund, $50, Bd. of Hope, $40, Hopeful Workers Aux., nat. tea. Beirut, $100, sch. bld'g Mexico, $10, Dew Drops, Miss'y Syria, $7 80 ($207 80); Rocky Spring, Miss'y Syria, $12; Shippensburg Aux., same, $64 50, Y. L. Branch, sch'p Tungchow, $40, Hull Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, $10 ($114 50); Upper Path Valley, Miss'y Syria, $28; Waynesburg Aux. (Miss'y Syria, $5, Miss'y Africa, $5), $55, two friends, sch. bld'g Mexico, $2 ($57), ... $1934 91

CHAMPLAIN.—Malone Aux., sch'p Shanghai, ... 30 00

CHESTER.—Atglen Aux., $27; Avondale, $71 43; Bryn Mawr Aux., zenana work, $50; Chester, 1st, Ruby Bd., $32 79; Christiana Aux., $22; Downingtown Aux., $46 94, Golden Links, $33 18, S. S., sch'p Dehra, $21 50 ($101 62); Fagg's

Manor Aux., $67; Forks of Brandywine Aux., $65 50; Great Valley Aux., sch. Mexico, $75; Honeybrook, Wherry Bd., Miss'y India, $45; Kennett Sq. Aux., $25; Nottingham Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $5 25; Oxford Aux., $54; Phœnixville Aux., $12; Toughkenamon Aux., $21 28; Unionville, Miss Mary Gordon, $6; West Chester Aux., $250, Y. L. B., sch'p Sidon, $50, Willing Hands, sch'p Gaboon, $25 ($325); West Grove Aux., $22 35, . . $1028 22

CHILLICOTHE.—Bloomingburg, $5; Chillicothe, 1st Aux., $62 65; Chillicothe, 2d, $17 16; Concord, $12 21; Frankfort, $10; Greenfield, $15 40; Hamden, $12 80; Hillsboro', $19; Marshall, $2 38; Mt. Pleasant (Kingston), $7 50; New Market, $2 25; North Fork, $14 65; Pisgah, $20; Washington C. H. Aux., $15 35, Y. L. B., $14 86 ($231 21 for Miss'y Bogota); Washington C. H., Helping Hands, sch'p Bogota, $21 18, . 252 39

CINCINNATI. — Cincinnati, 2d Aux., $93; 3d Aux., $65, S. S., sch'p Dehra, $30 ($95); 4th Aux., $7, Y. L. B., $15 ($22); 5th Aux., $85; 6th Aux., $8, Y. L. B., Miss'y Wewoka, $9 ($17); 7th Ch. Aux., $54 35, Head Lights, Mexico, $23, Lower Lights, Miss'y and L. M., $43, Lights for the Darkness, Miss'y Wowoka, $100, sch'p Benita, $20 ($240 35); Walnut Hills, 1st Aux., $58 50, Y. L. B., in mem. Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, D.D., *special*, Mexico, $50 ($108 50); College Hill Aux., $39 35, Y. P. Soc., sch'p Tripoli, $50, Miss'y Wewoka, $13 90 ($103 25); Delhi Aux., sch. Lahore, $10; Glendale Aux., $112; Loveland Aux., $40; Montgomery, $14; Wyoming, King's Daughters, $12 57; Westwood, $26 43, . . $979 10

CLARION.—Beechwoods Aux., $52 39, S. S., $2 61 ($55); Brookville Aux., village sch., Syria, $100; Clarion Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $15, Y. L. B., thank-off., $18 75 ($33 75); Greenville Aux., $23, Y. L. B., $25 ($48); Oil City, 2d (sch'p Saharanpur, $30 ($60); Pisgah Aux., B. R. and work Chefoo, $50; New Rehoboth Aux., $21 35, . . 368 10

CLEVELAND.— Cleveland, 2d Aux., for Miss'y India, $175 56, Mary Seelye Bd., for sch'p Yokohama, $30, Miss'y Chefoo, $50, . . 255 56

COLUMBUS. — Blendon Aux., zenana visitor, $25; Columbus, 1st, Jesus' Little Ones, sch'p Bangkok, $30; Dublin Aux., $21 51; Lancaster Aux., $18 20, S. S. $20 ($38 20), for Panalla; London Aux., zenana visitor, $36 59; Mt. Sterling Aux., for same, $12, Busy Gleaners, $15 ($27); Scioto Aux., zenana visitor, $5, . . 183 30

ELIZABETH. — Clinton Aux., $13 50; Elizabeth, Ladies' F. M. Asso., Miss'y Kolapoor, $400, sch. bld'g Mexico, $209 21, 1st Ch., Mary Morrison Bd., sch. Ningpo, $75, 2d Ch. Miss. Bd., sch'p Kolapoor, $30, Westminster Ch. Bd., sch. Jedaide, $100, sch'p Yokohama, $30, sch. bld'g Mexico, $103 75 ($947 96); Metuchen, sch'p Mynpurie, $14; Plainfield Aux., Miss'y Brazil, $197 81, Band, sch'p Sao Paulo, $70, sch. bld'g Mexico, $30 ($297 81); Roselle Aux., Miss'y Africa, $75; Rahway, 2d Aux., sch'p Ningpo, $40, Harvest Bd., Persia, $50 ($90); Summit Aux., bal. for sch'p Dehra, $10, sch. bld'g Mexico, $25, Bd., same, $5 ($40); Westfield Aux., Miss'y Africa, $27; Woodbridge Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $50, Lilies of the

Field, 2 sch'ps Gaboon, $40 ($90), ...$1639 09

ERIE. — Belle Valley Aux., $14, S. S., $10 ($24); Erie, 1st Aux., Miss'y Poplar Creek, $100, sch'p Teheran, $50 ($150), . . . 174 00

GENESEE.—Attica, Y. L. Soc., &c., through Miss Hattie Ellinwood, $170 16, Mrs. J. H. Loomis, sch'p India, $30 ($200 16); North Bergen, Infant School, sch. bld'g Mexico, $1, . . . 201 16

GENESEE VALLEY.—Bradford Aux., ... 50 00

GENEVA.—Phelps Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $100, Everett Bd., Beirut Sem., $20, Chinese Home, Cal., $10 ($130); Romulus Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $65 20, . . . 195 20

HUNTINGDON.—Fruit Hill Aux., $11 80; Spruce Creek, Med. Fund, $36 27, sch. bld'g Mexico, $2 ($38 27), . 50 07

JERSEY CITY.—Englewood Mexican Club, . . . 60 00

KITTANNING. — Bethel Aux., $40; Ebenezer Aux., $40; Indiana Aux., $325; Jacksonville Aux., Miss'y India, $50; Kittanning Aux., Miss'y India, $225; Marion Aux., sch. bld'g Nanking, $20; Mechanicsburg Aux., $15, Bd., $15 ($30); Midway Aux., $9 18; Parker City Aux., sch'p Futtehgurh, $30; Plumville Aux., $11; Rayne Aux., $15; Saltsburg Aux., L. M. and bld'g Panalla, $25; Slate Lick Aux., $31, Fruit Buds, $5 ($36), sch. Kolapoor; Srader's Grove Aux., $38, Etta Srader's mite box, $1 ($39); Union Aux., add'l, 52 cts.; Washington Aux., work Siam, $34; Worthington Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $40, 969 70

LACKAWANNA.—Scranton, Lilies of the Field, schs. Laos, $36; Wilkesbarre, 1st, Chapel Bd., bal. sch'p Gaboon, $5; Memorial Ch., Whatsoever Bd., th.-off., $5, 46 00

LEHIGH.—Summit Hill Aux., sch'p Gaboon, . . . 20 00

MAHONING. — Alliance Aux., Miss'y Bogota, $70; Brookfield Aux., $16; Clarkson Aux., $26, Children's Bd., $2 51 ($28 51), Miss'y Bogota; Ellsworth Aux., $43; Massillon Aux., Miss'y Bogota, $30; Middle Sandy, same, $25; Mineral Ridge Aux., $30, Loring Bd., $14 ($44); New Lisbon, Y. L. B., sch'p Bogota, $60; Niles Aux., heathen boy, $25; North Benton Aux., $40, S. S., $17 ($57), Miss'y Bogota; Poland, Y. L. Soc., sch'p Wewoka, $50, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5 25, Gen. Fund, $4 75 ($60); Vienna Aux., Miss'y Bogota, $7 50; Warren Aux., $25 36, S. S., $22 21 ($47 57), Mexico, . . $513 58

MONMOUTH.—Barnegat Aux., Miss'y Africa, $16; Burlington Aux., same, $40, sch'p Dehra, $40, to be appropriated, $23 ($103); Holmanville Aux., Miss'y Africa, $16; Mattawan, same, $27 32; Mt. Holly Aux., sch'p Sidon, $45 75, Holly Branch, sch'p Futtehgurh, $15 ($60 75); Plattsburg S. S., Miss'y Africa, $8 50, . . . 231 57

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Dover Aux., $38 25; East Orange, Willing Workers, sch'p California, $10; Mendham Aux., village sch. Syria, $34 20; Orange, 2d Aux., $214 29, Heart and Hand Bd., $35 71 ($250), Miss'y Tungchow; Rockaway Aux., bal. sch'p Bangkok, $9 75, Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, $15 ($24 75), . . 357 20

NEWARK. — Montclair Miss. Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, . 60 00

NEW BRUNSWICK. — Amwell United 1st, Sao Paulo, $17; 2d Amwell Aux, sch'p Kolapoor, $17, S. S., Sao Paulo, $2 08 ($19 08); Bound Brook Aux., B. R. Dehra, $30; Copper Hill, S. S., $32, Ella Kuhl Bd., $17 ($49), Sao Paulo; Ewing Aux., B.

R. India, $50, Children's Bd., sch'p Tungchow, $40, Mrs. W. H. Lowrie, sch'p Sidon, $50 ($140); Flemington Aux., $124, Gleaners, $35, Ella Kuhl Circle, $15 ($174), Miss'y Sao Paulo; Holland Aux., sch. Syria, $30; Kingwood Ch., ladies, $7 50; Milford Aux., sch. Syria, $70; Pennington Aux., zenana work, $24 74; Princeton, 1st Aux., $230, Gerald Dale Bd., $100 31 ($330 31); Titusville Aux., $20; Trenton, 2d Aux., $14; Trenton, 3d, Beatty Bd., sch'p Dehra and sch. bld'g Mexico, $60, S. S., same, $65 ($125); Trenton, 4th Ch. Aux., Miss'y India, $240; Trenton, 5th Ch. Aux., $15, . $1305 63

New Castle.—Milford Aux., $20; Newark, 1st Aux., work under Dr. Nassau, $25; White Clay Creek Aux., Miss'y India, $22, . 67 00

Newton. — Asbury Aux., $17 19, S. S. Bd., $10 ($27 19), sch. Sao Paulo; Belvidere, 1st Aux., zenana visitor Lahore, $40, Willing Workers, $20, S. S., sch'p Benita, $25 ($85); Belvidere, 2d Aux., sch'p Beirut, $100, Paul Bd., tea. Liberia, $20 ($120); Bloomsbury Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $40; Danville Aux., $3 30; Delaware Aux., $8; Knowlton, $9 50; Stewartsville Aux., tea. Liberia, $20; Stillwater Aux., $9; Washington, 1st Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $5, 316 99

Occidental Branch. — Alameda Aux., Persia, $18 50; "Compliment to Hoorma," same, $25; East Oakland Aux., same, $5, N. A. Indians, $5, Japan, $5, South America, $5 ($20); Napa Aux., nat. tea. Gaboon, $50, Wylie Bd., Mexico, $10, Mrs. V. A. Lewis, sch'p Saharanpur, $30 ($90); San Francisco, Howard St. Ch., Fidelia Bd., Mexico, $100; Oakland, Nassau Bd., $8 20, . $261 35

Philadelphia.—Calvary Ch. Aux., Miss'y Syria, $305, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5 ($310); Chambers Aux., Miss'y Mexico, $250; Clinton St., Immanuel Aux., $86; 1st Ch. Aux., Miss'y Canton, $450, sch. bld'g Mexico, $8 ($458); 2d Aux., $402, Beadle Bd., $100, Miss'y Teheran, S. S., sch'p Teheran, $50 ($542); South Ch. Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $56 20, Cheerful Givers, sch'p Dehra and sch. bld'g Mexico, $25 ($81 20); Tabernacle Ch. Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $213 33; 9th Ch., S. S. Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, $50; 10th Ch. Aux., Miss'y Mexico, $183; Walnut St. Aux., Miss'y Beirut, $450, S. S., sch'p Beirut, $100, Ready Workers, sch. bld'g Mexico, $2 34 ($552 34); West Spruce St. Aux., Miss'y Chefoo and sch. bld'g Mexico, $447, Infant Sch., orphan Saharanpur, $30, Busy Bees, sch. bld'g Mex., $5 ($482); Woodland Aux., Miss'y Africa, $200, 3417 87

Philadelphia Central. — Columbia Ave. Aux., sch'p Kolapoor, $40 05, Y. L. B., $32 50, Little Gardeners, $5, Carrier Doves, $5, sch. bld'g Mexico ($82 55); Green Hill Aux., Miss'y, $100, sch. bld'g Mexico, $1, S. S., Miss'y Africa, $300 ($401); Johnstone Aux., Miss'y Odanah, $119; N. Broad St. Aux., Miss'y Persia, $300; Med. Fund, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $33 65 ($373 65); Oxford Ch. Aux., zenana visitor Lahore, $300, sch. bld'g Mexico, $75, Mrs. S. B. Rowley in memory of her niece, same, $25, Robbins Bd., sch'p Dehra and sch. bld'g Mexico, $60 ($460); Princeton Ch. Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $459 46,

Henry Band, orphan Saharanpur, $31 80, Y. L. Soc., sch'p Sidon, $50, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5, First Fruits, same, $25, Day Dawn Bd., same, $8 20 ($579 46), . $1914 66

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.—Norristown, 1st Aux., Miss'y Dehra, $274 06; Providence Ch., Pastoral Aid Soc., $50, . . . 324 06

REDSTONE.—Brownsville Aux. (sch'p Sidon, $50), . . 63 00

ROCHESTER. — Livonia Aux., sch'p Mexico, $50; Ogden, 1st Aux. (sch'p Shanghai, $40), $51, Ellinwood Band, sch'p Benita, $20 ($71); Tuscarora Aux., Mexico, $15, ... 136 00

ST. CLAIRSVILLE. — Bellaire, 2d Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $30; Crab Apple Aux., $32 10; Farmington Aux., $10 75, ... 72 85

ST. LAWRENCE.—Watertown, 1st Aux., sch'p Mexico, $100, 2 sch'ps Shanghai, $60, ... 160 00

SHENANGO. — Beaver Falls Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $25, Willing Workers and Buds of Promise, sch'p Yokohama, $33 11 ($58 11); Enon Valley Aux., $25; Hermon, $19 20; Leesburg, work Japan, $61; Little Beaver, Miss'y Canton, $23; Mahoningtown Aux., $27; Mt. Pleasant, Miss'y Canton, $42; New Brighton Aux., work Nez Perces, $71 50, Selma Bd., $5 ($76 50); New Castle, 1st Aux., Miss'y Canton, $47 50; New Castle, 2d Aux., $29; Newport Aux., $15; Sharon Aux., Miss'y Canton, $13 73; Slippery Rock Aux., $30; Westfield Aux., $50, ... 517 04

SYRACUSE.—Syracuse, 4th Ch. Aux., Miss'y Japan, $166, 2 sch'ps Bancho sch., $75, sch. bld'g Mexico, $75, 316 00

UTICA. — Knoxboro' Aux., $24 90, Hallie Bd., $5 35 ($30 25), sch. bld'g Mexico; Oneida Aux., $44 75, . 75 00

WASHINGTON. — Pres. Soc., *special*, work Africa, . . $27 10

WASHINGTON CITY. — Falls Ch. Aux., $3 75; Hyattsville, $13; Manassas, $8; Metropolitan Aux., $12 50; North Ch. Aux., $6 25; Western Aux., $29 32; West St. Aux., $21 95 ($104 77, Miss'y India); N. Y. Ave. Aux., Miss'y Mynpurie, $150, Bethany Miss., sch. bld'g Mexico, $50 ($200); 1st Ch. Miss., sch'p Dehra, $40; Metropolitan Ch., Mateer Bd., sch'p Tungchow, $10, . 354 77

WEST CHESTER.—South Salem Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, 132 15

WEST JERSEY.—Camden, 2d Aux., $51 20; Wenonah Miss. Bd., $15, . . . 66 20

WESTMINSTER.—Columbia, Y. L. Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, $40; York, Primary Class, Panalla bld'g, $23 18, . 63 18

WOOSTER. — Wooster, Westminster Ch., Coan Bd., sch. Teheran, ... 10 00

ZANESVILLE.—Homer Aux., . 16 00

LEGACY.—Estate of Mrs. Charlotte Sloan, deceased, Brookville, Pa., . . 141 24

MISCELLANEOUS.—Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Edgar, Med. Fund, $1000; Beach City, O., Mrs. L. Crise, $2, Vivie, Lola and Bruce's mite box, 65 cts.; Belleville, Pa., Rev. R. M. Campbell, L. M., $25; Cranford, N. J., C., $1; Elizabeth, N. J., K., $100; Harrisburg, Pa., in mem. Wallace A. McCarrell, orphan Saharanpur, $30; Malone, N. Y., Mrs. Mary K. Weed, sch. bld'g Mexico, $100; Massillon, O., C. M. Giddings, $4; New Brighton, Pa., Mrs. E. Critchlow, Mission Press, Shanghai, $5; Northumberland, Pa., Miss E. Forsyth, $5; Phila., Mrs. W. E. Schenck, Med. Fund, $100, printing, $10; O. A. L., sch. bld'g Mexico, $3; Ridgeville, Ill., Bertha Gould, same, 25 cts.; St. Clairsville, O., Mrs. Nellie

Jepson, Nanking bld'g, $1; Sidon, Syria, Miss Nelson, maps, $10; Tenafly, N. J., Edith L. Pond and brother, Nanking bld'g, 20 cts.; Wewoka, Ind. Ter., Miss H. J. McCay, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5; Worthington, O., Willie Gage's mite box, $1 10; Sale of Historical Sketches, $192 81; Sale of leaflets, etc., $21 23, ...$1617 24

Total for March, 1882,	$23,695 11
Previously acknowledged,	48,021 69
Total since May 1, 1881,	$71,716 80

Of the amount acknowledged from Roseville Ch., Newark Presbytery, in *Woman's Work* for March, $100 should have been from the S. S., for 2 sch'ps, Sidon.

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April 1, 1882. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

W. P. B. M. of the Northwest.

PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE

TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN MAY.

Luke vii. 36–50. *Golden Text for the Month*—2 Cor. ix. 7.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Malvern, Iowa, Young Ladies' Circle.
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Nodaway, Iowa.

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Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to March 20, 1882.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Collinsville, 1st S. S., pupil in India, . . . $20 10

BELLEFONTAINE. — Bellefontaine, $35; Buck Creek, $25; Bucyrus, $40 75; Crestline, $15 55; Y. P. B., $18 61; De Graff, $6; Forest, $6 56; Galion, $20; Spring Hills, $13 50; Upper Sandusky, $17 10; Urbana, $50; West Liberty, $10; S. S. B., $8 31, all sal. Miss Hartwell; Bellefontaine, $19; Buck Creek, $5; Forest, $2; Urbana, Y. P. and C. Bds., $15, all *special;* Bellefontaine, S. S. B., $30; Crestline, $9 75; Y. P. B., $1; Forest, $6 55; Galion, $1; Kenton, $5; Marseilles, $22; Rushsylvania, $23 52; Urbana, Y. P. and C. Bds., $8 09, all H. M., . . 414 29

BLOOMINGTON.—Buckley, $38 43; Heyworth, $10; Minonk, S. S. B., Persian sch., $20; Onarga, Mrs. P. Risser, $25; Rossville, H. M., $30; Towanda, $8, . . . 131 43

CAIRO.—Bridgeport, $5; Cobden, $3 50; H. M., $3 50; Grand Tower, $27, . . 39 00

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Cedar Rapids, 1st, sal. Misses Jewett and Pratt, $110; 2d, gatekeeper Tabriz, $9; Dysart, $2 50: Traer, Miss Voris, $2; Vinton, Y. P. S., sal. Miss Cochran, $50; Wyoming, Syrian sch., $5, . 178 50

CHICAGO.—Arlington Heights, $7 85; Austin, $23 50; Chicago, 1st, sal. Mrs. Jessup, $35 40, sch. Beirut, $2 45, sch'p Bangkok, $7 50, rent of Canton sch., $12, Scotia Sem., $44 15, *special,* $100; 2d, Tabriz bld'g, $291 60, Mrs. Peck's pupil, Chefoo, $40, H. M., $1; 3d, sal. Miss Olmstead and Mrs. Kelso, $325, Persia, $5; 4th, sal. Miss Anderson, $43, sal. Miss Green, $38 50, Laos sch., $1; Y. L. S., $16 75; Mother's Mite Soc., $5 77; 6th Bds., sal. Miss Downs, $35 06, to circulate Mr. Farnham's child's paper, $15: 8th, Miss Wishard's outfit, $100; Armor Bearers, Mexico sch., $20 31; Westminster Ch., Boys' Bd., sch'p Persia, $35; Evanston, $128; Highland Park, $80; Y. P. S., sch'p Mexico, $50; Hyde Park, $22 07; Ada Sch., $20; Lake Forest, Ill., $18; Y. P. S., $11 52; Steady Streams, $24 54; Manteno, $11, free-will off., $5 75; Riverside, $11 20; Waukegan, $3; Y. L. B., Syrian sch., $45, thank-off., $12 75; Wheeling, $16 32, . . $1664 99

CHIPPEWA.—West Salem, . 13 22

COUNCIL BLUFFS. — Corning, Laos, ... 1 40

DAYTON. — Western Female Seminary, ... 29 17

DENVER. — Denver, Central Ch., $16, thank-off., $200; Cheerful Givers and Apple Blossoms, $100; 17th St. Ch., sch. Siam, $40; Georgetown, $30, ... 336 00

DETROIT.—Birmingham, sch'p Oroomiah, $5; Detroit, 1st, sal. Mrs. Lucas, $255 19; Richardson Bd., Mexico, $24, sch'p Ningpo, $40, sch'p Bangkok, $30, sch'p Oroomiah, $30, sch'p Baraka, $25; Milford, Jennie Dean's girls, Persian sch., $7; Northville, sch'p Oroomiah, $28; Ypsilanti, sal. Miss Dean, $70; Y. L. C., same, $28; India Workers, sch'p Saharanpur, $20; Gleaners, thank-off., $2 13, 564 32

FREEPORT.—Belvidere, $42 26; Standard Bearers, Laos sch., $12 60; Freeport, 1st, Tabriz sch., $50; 2d, $25 49; 3d, $49 50; Hanover, $14 30; Lena, $26 33; Mt. Carroll, $4 75, one member, thank-off., 50 cts.; Rockford, 1st, $80; Westminster Ch., $119;

Y. L. S., Laos sch'p, $25; Earnest Workers, $8 50; Warren, H. M., $10; Winnebago, $48 86; Bd., $14 41; Willow Creek Ch., $41 61; Woodstock, $20, . . $593 11

FORT WAYNE.—Fort Wayne, 2d, $6; Kendallville, $13; Warsaw, $7 25, . . . 26 25

GRAND RAPIDS. — Cadillac, $5 28; Grand Rapids, 1st, sch'p Bangkok, $30; Y. L. B., $4 25; Westminster, $62; Grand Haven Bd., $50; Muir, Welton Workers, $8 40; Ionia, $26, remainder, 30 cts., . . . 186 23

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bloomington, Walnut St. Ch., $17 21; Y. L. C., $17 21; Columbus, $30; Franklin, sal. Mrs. Warren, $100; Southport, $16, ... 180 42

IOWA.—Birmingham, $12 96; Kossuth, $20; Mt. Pleasant, Highland Branch, $25; Spring Creek, $4 71, . . 62 67

IOWA CITY. — Crawfordsville, $4; Montezuma, $15, . . 19 00

KALAMAZOO.—Decatur, . . 25 00

KEARNEY. — Kearney, sal. Miss Carey, $7; St. Paul, $2 90, ... 9 90

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Ishpeming, sch'p Gaboon, $6 25, sch'p Canton, $3 75, sch'p Kangwe, $5; Menominee, sal. Misses Cundall and Dougherty, $11; Oconto, H. M., $10, ... 36 00

LANSING.—Battle Creek, $25; Lansing, 1st, $20 94; Bd., $10; Mason, $10, . . 65 94

LIMA.—Ada, $28 49; Delphos, $20 68; Lima, $40 02; Mt. Jefferson Ch., $3, . . 92 19

MANKATO. — Eden Ch., $5; Madelia, $5; Mankato, $45, 55 00

MATTOON.—Mattoon, Mrs. J. L. McNair, . . . 5 00

MILWAUKEE.—Geneva Lake, Starry Lights, sch'p Dehra, $20; Milwaukee, Immanuel Ch., sch. Futtehgurh, $75, sal. Miss Dougherty, $25, sch'p Japan, $25; Y. L. S., sal. Miss Cundall, $37 50; Calvary Ch., Syrian sch., $25, sal. Miss Cundall, $20, sal. Miss Dougherty, $10; Odanah, $10; 1st Wis. Vol., Syrian sch., $50, . . $297 50

MUNCIE. — Muncie, sch'p Ningpo, $10; Portland, $28 05; Tipton, $14 55; Wabash, $38 37; Y. L. S., $11 33, ... 102 30

PUEBLO. — Pueblo, sch'p Petchaburi, . . . 30 00

RED RIVER.—Sal. Mrs. Campbell, $25, sch'p Benita, $20, gen. fund, $27, . . . 72 00

ROCK RIVER.—Sterling, sch'p Dehra, ... 15 00

SCHUYLER.—Appanoosé, $15; Carthage, $14; Elvaston, $8 75; Mt. Sterling, Mexico, $50; Perry, $27, . . 114 75

ST. PAUL.—Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., sch'p San Francisco, ... 12 00

WHITEWATER. — Shelbyville, Golden Rule Bd., $6 10, Mrs. Major's S. S. class, $5, both house at Nanking, . 11 10

WINNEBAGO. — Fond du Lac, sal. Misses Cundall and Dougherty, $12 70; Steven's Point, same, $14 38; Ripon S. S., $5, ... 32 08

WINONA. — Owatonna, $12, Rochester, $15, Winona, $5, all H. M.; Winona, $10; Rochester, $10, *special*, $30; Downing Bd., $40, . . 122 00

WISCONSIN RIVER.—Kilbourn City, Mrs. Hughes, $3, sal. Miss Cundall, $5, . . 8 00

MEMORIAL FUND.—From sale of "A Brief Record," Laos sch., ... 211 49

MISCELLANEOUS. — Andover, Ill., I. N. Woolsey, China, $3; Mrs. Folsom, $2; Societies—Crestline, O., $1, Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Highland Branch, $1 ($2), Annual Report — Oakdale, Neb., Mrs. H. W., $5, . . . 12 00

Total for month, . .	$5,839 35
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